AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1.   (Previously presented) In a wireless communications device enabled for communication in a wireless communications network, a method of translating a portion of a text-based communication to be transmitted from the wireless device, comprising:

determining which text of the text-based communication is to be translated by continually monitoring the text-based communication for the presence of a text trigger symbol, the trigger symbol indicating which text to translate;

sending a translation request, the translation request configured for reception by a translation service means and comprising the text to be translated;

receiving and associatively storing with the indicated text a translation thereof, from a first language to a second language;

stopping the continual monitoring of the text-based communication upon detecting an indication that the text-based communication is to be sent;

providing one or more prompts, such that there is one prompt corresponding to each previously translated text and further where each prompt comprises the corresponding translation; and

sending the text-based communication after a response has been received for each prompt.

2.   (Cancelled)

3.   (Cancelled)

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said replacing comprises confirming the replacement.

6.   (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein confirming the replacement comprises obtaining at least one alternative replacement from said translation service and wherein said replacing comprises replacing using a one of the at least one alternative replacement.

7.   (Original) The method of claim 1 comprising maintaining a store of portions of text and respective replacements on said communications device; and using said store to determine the replacement.

8.   (Original) The method of claim 7 wherein said portions of text and respective replacements are defined by prior translations performed using the communications device.

9.   (Currently amended) A system for translating a text-based communication to be transmitted from a wireless communications device, the wireless communications device being coupleable for communicating in a wireless communications network, the system comprising:

an application coupled to a processor and configured for:

determining which text of the text-based communication is to be translated by continually monitoring the text-based communication for the presence of a trigger symbol, the trigger symbol indicating which text to translate;

sending a translation request, the translation request configured for reception by a translation service means (100, 120, 122, 124) and comprising the text to be translated;

receiving and associatively storing with the indicated text a translation thereof, from a first to a second language;

stopping the continual monitoring of the text-based communication upon detecting an indication that the text-based communication is to be sent;

providing one or more prompts such that there is one prompt corresponding to each previously indicated translated text and further where each prompt comprises the corresponding translation; and

sending the text-based communication after a response has been received for each prompt.

10.   (Cancelled)

11.   (Cancelled)

12.   (Previously presented) A mobile device for wirelessly communicating text-based communications configured for use in a communications network, the mobile device comprising:

a composition component to compose text for communicating wirelessly in a text-based communication; and

a translation component configured for:

determining text of the text-based communication to be translated from a trigger symbol associated with the portion whilst the communication is being composed, the portion of text to be translated being indicated by at least one trigger symbol placed adjacent the portion;

transmitting a translation request to a translation service means coupled to the wireless communications device, the translation service means translating the text to be translated from a first language to a second language;

receiving the translated text in the second language at the wireless communications device;

continually monitoring to determine whether a send message request is received on the wireless communications device;

monitoring the text-based communication for the presence of a trigger symbol if it is determined that a send message request has not been received;

sending a request for the translation of the portion of text automatically from the wireless communications device to the translation service means upon determining the presence of the at least one trigger symbol whilst the communication is being composed;

providing a prompt to receive a response for each replacement translated portion of text if it is determined that a send message request has been received; and

sending the message once it is determined that there are no replacement translated portions of text requiring a response.

13.   (Cancelled)

14.   (Cancelled)

15.   (Original) The mobile device of claim 12 wherein the translation component comprises a user interface to confirm the replacement to replace the portion.

16.   (Previously presented) The mobile device of claim 12 wherein the translation component is adapted to obtain at least one alternative replacement from said translation service and wherein said user interface is adapted to confirm a one of the at least one alternative replacement to replace the portion.

17.   (Cancelled)

18.   (Cancelled)

19.   (Cancelled)

20.   (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a response to a replacement translated portion of text comprises any of:

> an 'accept translation' whereby said replacement translated portion of text is used to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication;

> a 'reject translation' whereby an original portion of the text based communication corresponding to said replacement translated portion is retained instead of replacing it with said replacement translated portion of text; or

> a 'reject and ask for more' whereby a further request for translation of an original portion of text of the text based communication is formulated and sent to the translation service means to obtain one or more further replacement translated portions of text, the method further comprising providing a further prompt to receive a response to said one or more further replacement translated portions of text.

21.   (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein the further prompt enables a selection of one of said one or more further replacement translated portions of text to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication or to reject all of said one or more further replacement translated portions of text whereby said corresponding original portion of text is retained.

22.   (Original) The system of claim 9, wherein the application is configured to receive a response to a replacement translated portion of text comprising any of:

> an 'accept translation' whereby said replacement translated portion of text is used to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication;

> a 'reject translation' whereby an original portion of the text based communication corresponding to said replacement translated portion is retained instead of replacing it with said replacement translated portion of text; or

a 'reject and ask for more' whereby a further request for translation of an original portion of text of the text based communication is formulated and sent to the translation service means to obtain one or more further replacement translated portions of text, the method further comprising providing a further prompt to receive a response to said one or more further replacement translated portions of text.

23.   (Original) The system of claim 22, wherein the application is configured to provide said further prompt to enable selection of a specific one of said one or more further replacement translated portions of text to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication or to reject all of said one or more further replacement translated portions of text whereby said corresponding original portion of text is retained.

24.   (Original) The mobile device of claim 12, wherein the translation component is configured to receive a response to a replacement translated portion of text comprising any of:

an 'accept translation' whereby said replacement translated portion of text is used to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication;

a 'reject translation' whereby an original portion of the text based communication corresponding to said replacement translated portion is retained instead of replacing it with said replacement translated portion of text; or

a 'reject and ask for more' whereby a further request for translation of an original portion of text of the text based communication is formulated and sent to the translation service means to obtain one or more further replacement translated portions of text, the method further comprising providing a further prompt to receive a response to said one or more further replacement translated portions of text.

25.   (Original) The mobile device of claim 24, wherein the translation component is configured to provide said further prompt to enable selection of a specific one of said one

or more further replacement translated portions of text to replace a corresponding original portion of the text based communication or to reject all of said one or more further replacement translated portions of text whereby said corresponding original portion of text is retained.